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1. SUMMARY. KUWAITI DELEGATE AT TRIPOLI

ISLAMIC CONFERENCE HAS OPINED THAT THE EFFECTS OF THIS
CONFERENCE ON THE PROSPECTS FOR MIDDLE EAST PEACE WERE
MIXED, WITH DEMONSTRATED ARAB UNITY BEING A PLUS, BUT
THE RELATIVELY HARDER LINE AGAINST ISRAEL BEING OUT OF
STEP WITH THE CURRENT "TREND TOWARD CONCILIATION IN
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THE MIDDLE EAST." ON THE PHILIPPINE/ MORO NATIONAL
LIBERATION FRONT ISSUE, KUWAITI DELEGATE ASSERTED THAT
KUWAIT FRONTED FOR MALAYSIA AND INDONESIA IN
SUCCESSFULLY TONING DOWN THE ANTI-GOP RESOLUTION. ON
ERITREA, KUWAIT REPORTEDLY WAS FIRST IN LINE TO
PUBLICLY DISAGREE WITH QADHAFI'S SWITCH OF SUPPORT
TO THE ETHIOPIAN REGIME, AND REGARDING DJIBOUTI,

KUWAIT HELPED CONVINCE THE SOMALIS TO ALLOW THE WORD "DJIBOUTI" TO APPEAR IN THE CONFERENCE'S PRO-INDEPENDENCE RESOLUTION. THE CONFERENCE REPORTEDLY WAS IRRELEVANT TO PLANNED ARAB AID TO AFRICA. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBOFF TOOK OCCASION OF JUNE 9 DISCUSSION WITH MFA POLITICAL DEPARTMENT OFFICER, ABDUL AZIZ AL-SHAREKH, TO INQUIRE ABOUT KUWAITI PERSPECTIVE TRIPOLI ISLAMIC CONFERENCE. (AL-SHAREKH WAS MEMBER OF KUWAITI DELEGATION AND WAS ITS REP. ON CONFERENCE POLITICAL COMMITTEE.)

3. MIDDLE EAST ISSUE - AL-SHARAKH SAID THAT THE RESOLUTION ON EXPULSION OF ISRAEL FROM THE UN CREPT BACK INTO THE CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS BECAUSE SOME COUNTRIES FAVORED IT AND MOST THOUGHT IT UNIMPORTANT ENOUGH TO ARGUE AGAINST, EVEN THOUGH IT HAD BEEN ABSENT FROM LAST YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS (AT THE ISTANBUL ISLAMIC FOR MINS CONFERENCE). HE OPINED THAT THE EXPULSION RESOLUTION WAS UNNECESSARY TO THE ARAB CAUSE AND OUT OF LINE WITH THE "TEND TOWARD CONCILIATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST", BUT HE IMPLIED THAT KUWAIT FOUND IT POLITICALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO OPPOSE IT STRONGLY, AS DID A NUMBER OF OTHER ARAB MODERATES. REGARDING OTHER MIDDLE EAST ISSUES AT THE CONFERENCE (PARA 3, REF A),AL-SHAREKH SAID THAT THERE WAS CONSISTENT SUPPORT AMONG NON-ARAB DELEGATIONS, AS WELL AS AMONG ARABS, FOR

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THE READOPTED OF TRADITIONAL RESOLUTIONS. QUERIED ON THE OVERALL EFFECT OF THE TRIPOLI CONFERENCE UPON THE PROSPECT OF A MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT, HE OPINED THAT IT WAS A TOSS UP, WITH THE ARAB UNITY DEMONSTRATED AT THE CONFERENCE ON THE PLUS SIDE AND THE HARDER ANTI-ISRAEL LINE (COMPARED TO LAST YEAR'S CONFERENCE) ON THE DEIBIT SIDE. HE ADDED THAT THIS OSTENSIBLE HARDENING MIGHT HAVE GIVEN THE PLO A FALSE IMPRESSION OF A FIRM ARAB CONSENSUS SUPPORTING PALESTINIAN DEMANDS WHEN, IN FACT, THERE WERE DISAGREEMENTS AMONG ARAB STATES RESPECTING SOME OF THESE DEMANDS.

4. PHILIPPINE SITUATION - AL-SHAREKH SAID THAT, AT THE REQUEST OF BOTH MALAYSIAN AND INDONESIAN DELEGATIONS, KUWAIT TOOK A LEADING ROLE IN MODERATING THE LANGUAGE OF THE RESOLUTION ON THE PHILIPPINE/MORO LIBERATION FRONT (MLF) ISSUE, POINTING OUT TO THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE THAT A STRONGLY

ANTI-GOP RESOLUTION WOULD ONLY ALIENATE PHILIPPINE
AUTHORITIES AND THAT IT WAS ILLOGICAL TO DAMN THEM
WHILE AT THE SAME TIME CALLING FOR THE CONTINUING
GOP/MLF DIALOGUE WHICH ALL CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS
DESIRE. AL-SHAREKH ADDED THAT THE REPORTS OF BOTH
THE CONFERENCE SEC GEN AND THE CONFERENCE'S
QUADRIpartite MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE (LIBYA AND THREE OTHERS)
ON THIS ISSUE HAD PLACED FULL BLAME
ON THE GOP FOR FAILING TO LIVE UP TO COMMITMENTS
MADE DURING THE PAST DIALOGUE WITH THE MLF, BUT
THAT DESPITE THESE TWO REPORTS KUWAIT'S
MODERATE APPROACH HAD WON OUT AS THE ONLY PRACTICAL
WAY TO HELP THE FILIPINO MOSLEMS. AL-SHAREKH NOTED
THAT THE QUADRIpartite COMMITTEE MEMBERS WERE TIRED
OF THEIR CHORE AND WANTED TO BE REPLACED, BUT THERE
WERE NO VOLUNTEERS.

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5. ARAB AID TO AFRICA - AL-SHAREKH REPORTED
THAT, WHILE THERE WAS FREQUENT MENTION OF THE NEW

AFRO-ARAB SOLIDARITY IN THE SPEECHES AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE TRIPOLI CONFERENCE, THE RESULTS OF THE CONFERENCE HAD NO APPRECIABLE EFFECT ON THIS SOLIDARITY, NOR DID IT ALTER THE SCOPE OR NATURE OF ARAB AID PLANNED FOR AFRICA.

6. ERITREA AND DJIBOUTI - AL-SHAREKH CLAIMED THAT KUWAIT HAD BEEN THE FIRST CONFERENCE PARTICIPANT TO RESTATE ITS ADHERENCE TO THE TRADITIONAL ARAB POLICY OF SUPPORT FOR THE ERITREAN REVOLUTION, IN THE CONFIDENTIAL

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WAKE OF QADHAFI'S OUTSPOKEN CHANGE OF HEART ON THE ERITREANS, ANNOUNCED AT THE CONFERENCE. HE DETAILED THE HISTORICAL AND "MORAL" RATIONALE FOR KUWAITI SUPPORT OF ERITREAN INDEPENDENCE, REGARDLESS OF THE IDEOLOGICAL MAKEUP OF THE ETHIOPIAN REGIME. ON DJIBOUTI, AL-SHAREKH NOTED THAT THE CONFERENCE RESOLUTION HAD UNEQUIVOCALLY SUPPORTED INDEPENDENCE FOR DJIBOUTI, BUT THAT THE SOMALIS CREATED AN ISSUE IN THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE BY THEIR OPPOSITION TO HAVING THE NAME "DJIBOUTI" APPEAR IN THE TITLE OF THE RESOLUTION. AL UGANDA'S SUGGESTION, WITH KUWAITI SUPPORT, THE COMPROMISE TITLE REPORTEDLY EMERGED AS "SOMALI OCCUPIED COAST (DJIBOUTI)." (IN RESPONSE TO EMBOFF'S QUERY, AL-SHAREKH SAID HE KNEW OF NO PLANS TO ESTABLISH A RESIDENT KUWAITI DIPLOMATIC OR CONSULAR PRESENCE IN DJIBOUTI.) SUTHERLAND

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